

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** July 5, 2011  
**POSITION:** Neutral  
**SPONSOR:** County of San Diego

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 959  
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**BILL SUMMARY: CalWORKS and CalFresh: Reporting**

This bill would revise the time periods applicable to rescinding a discontinuance notice for CalWORKs and CalFresh benefits to allow a recipient, before the last calendar day of the first month of the following quarter reporting period, to submit a complete quarterly report. This bill would require a county to prorate benefits to recipients from the date they submit the completed forms, without requiring a new application or interview, if a recipient submits a complete quarterly report form before the last day of the month following the discontinuance of benefits. This bill would prohibit a recipient of prorated benefits from receiving transitional CalFresh benefits during the same month.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

This bill would result in administrative savings in both the CalWORKs and CalFresh programs since counties would not have to process new applications for recipients who submitted a late quarterly report. Although no savings estimate is currently available, potential General Fund savings could be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill since it would result in administrative savings in both the CalWORKs and CalFresh programs. Potential General Fund savings could be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	Code
5180/Social Svcs	LA	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary				-----	0001

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